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Jocelyn Regina originally from Haliburton, performs at Music in the Park on Tuesday with her bandmates. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

## No swimming pool in \$10M arena upgrade

By Lisa Gervais

It looks as though Minden Hills taxpayers may be bankrolling a \$10 million upgrade to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, a price tag which would include a gym and walking track, but no swimming pool.

At a special council meeting yesterday, councillors received a report from the director of community services, Mark

Coleman. Staff are recommending that Ottawa firm McDonald Brother Construction (MBC)—the sole bidder—be awarded the tender.

Staff are also suggesting that council include add-ons, such as the gym and walking track, a bigger ice surface and solar panels.

At this point, council is considering

borrowing the money, which would equate to about three per cent of the 2018 tax levy, however staff emphasized that this amount could be reduced through grants and community fundraising.

Council is being asked to make a decision at its July 26 meeting, prior to the close of nominations on July 27, at which point they become a lame duck council, and would not

be able to commit the municipality to such an expenditure.

Coleman said notwithstanding the price—which cannot be fully known at this time and will depend on whether council opts for a base or expanded upgrade—“we feel they (MBC) would handle the project well and do a very good job for us.”

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A Highland Storm hockey player heads up ice at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, which is on "borrowed time" according to staff. *File photo.*

## Gym and walking track possible additions

The existing council has already committed to spending about \$6.5 million. That base project would entail a major renovation of the arena portion of the facility, including new walls, roof, floor, ice plant, boards, glass, LED lighting, new dressing rooms and offices, installation of an elevator for accessibility between upper and lower levels and resurfacing the parking lot.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the estimated costs of the base project and the add-ons were the "worse-case" scenario if there is no future provincial or federal infrastructure, or fundraising, dollars. "This is the down and dirty if we're paying for it ourselves," he said.

Staff also said they had not yet fully discussed revenue generation from things such as user fees.

CAO and treasurer, Lorrie Blanchard, added that other costs had not been factored in, such as the need for one additional staff member and gym equipment. She added the \$10 m is a contingent number. She said MBC won't know the actual cost "until it gets behind walls and underneath things" and does core sampling in the parking lot. She said a feasibility study had not been done.

Coun. Pam Sayne said while she found the project exciting, she had concerns about the process and thought pieces of the puzzle were still missing.

For example, she said the township invited 16 companies

to tender and she was surprised that only one had responded. Devolin said the integrated project delivery model they've opted for is new, and a \$10 million project is considered "pretty small stuff" by the companies, which is why they didn't get a lot of interest. He said he understood some councillors were uncomfortable with a single source contract but "my confidence level is high."

Sayne also asked whether an estimate was given for a swimming pool. She was told pool pricing was not part of the tender. She then asked if a swimming pool was still an option.

Coleman said a pool could cost \$6-8 million with annual operating costs of \$300,000-\$500,000-a-year. Devolin added that for two years, other municipal officials have advised him "don't go down that road." However, he said the building model would not preclude a pool being added some time in the future.

A few members of the public attended the meeting. Patrick Walshe expressed concern that, once again, there was only one bidder on a major project in Minden Hills. The same thing happened with the fire hall last year. He said he was also concerned by the lack of a feasibility study.

"How can you make a multi-million decision absent of a feasibility study?" he asked *The Highlander*.

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## Vandalism spree continues

By Mark Arike

Just two weeks after Haliburton's Lily Ann Thrift Store had been vandalized, the neighbouring Head Lake Park became the latest victim of an unknown criminal, or criminals.

Sometime between Saturday night (July 14) and Monday morning (July 16), a municipally-owned trailer was dented and graffitied, playground equipment was damaged and eight solar lights were stolen from the pathway. No one has been apprehended or charged as of press time.

Parks staff discovered the damage on Monday morning, said Andrea Mueller, parks and recreation program coordinator.

"They were able to get the graffiti off [the trailer]," Mueller told *The Highlander*.

The trailer, which was purchased last year, is used to store tables and chairs for events.

Straps were cut off the accessible swing and a steering wheel was ripped out of a toddler home.

The ground solar lights were purchased by the Downtown Haliburton BIA and recently installed.

The total dollar value of the damage is unknown at this point, said Mueller. Video surveillance footage from the park was provided to the OPP, who are investigating the crime.

Asked if there will be an increased police presence in the park, OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee said, "Whenever we become aware of incidents involving break and enters and vandalism, our officers will

adjust their patrols accordingly. We ask the public to report any suspicious activity or persons."

In May, more than \$10,000 in merchandise and cash were stolen from The Source store on Highland Street. It's unknown if the three incidents are linked.

Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey said the municipality will have to look into getting better security cameras.

"There's obviously some bad characters around," he said. "This is nonsensical stuff. It's not stuff that proves anything."

Anyone with information is asked to call the police at 1-888-310-1122 or 705-286-1431. Anonymous tips can be phoned in to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at khcs.ca. Tips can lead to a cash reward up to \$2,000.



Video footage from surveillance cameras in the park was being reviewed by the OPP.  
Photo by Mark Arike.



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## Ford ices bioheat project

By Mark Arike

Bioheat projects in Haliburton, Minden and Highlands East won't go ahead as planned due to Premier Doug Ford's decision to scrap the province's cap-and-trade program.

Jamie Stephen, one of the proponents of the multimillion-dollar projects, said the Municipality of Dysart et al received official word on July 10.

"It's pretty disappointing, particularly given the fact these projects align very well with the Conservatives' priorities, in terms of rural job creation and Ontario fuel," said Stephen in an interview.

He said the province informed the municipality that the Municipal Greenhouse Gas Challenge fund was being shut down and any existing agreements must be terminated. Any unspent grant monies must also be returned.

In the spring, Stephen's company, TorchLight Bioresources, and partner Haliburton Forest, obtained a \$2.8 million grant—proceeds raised from Ontario's carbon market. A total of \$900,000 had already been transferred to the municipality for a project that would heat up to 45 buildings in the downtown core with wood chips from Haliburton Forest via a district energy system.

To date, the municipality has spent about \$50,000, primarily on engineering costs, said Stephen. However, this money should be recovered from the grant.

"We absolutely want to make sure the municipality isn't out any money," he said. "We all acted in good faith. Unfortunately, the decision was out of the control of any of those parties."

The grant was expected to cover half the \$5.8 million in capital costs. Haliburton Forest applied for a separate federal grant and still hopes to develop an energy chip production centre. Private investments were also to be sought, but they didn't get that far.

With the blessing of councils, there were three other bioheat projects in the county Stephen was seeking funding for. In Minden, his pitch was to connect 25 buildings to

bioheat. Two projects were proposed for Highlands East—one to heat nine buildings in Wilberforce and the other for 238 homes and three public buildings in Cardiff.

The goal was to save building owners money on their heating bills, create a market for low-quality wood and job creation. It was also intended to generate revenue for the municipalities through the establishments of utility corporations.

### Revised plan

Although they are disappointed, Stephen said. Instead, they are revising their approach. They plan to talk to the province about potential heat contracts for schools, hospitals and other public buildings. This is a "proven model" in Europe, he said.

"This is whereby a building owner offers a heat purchase agreement to a project developer, who finances the boiler privately, and operates and fuels that equipment," he said, pointing out there are nearly 20 of these projects in P.E.I. The building owner—in this case the province—signs a 20-year agreement to buy heat.

With these buildings, containerized boiler systems would be installed next to them. Haliburton Forest staff would deliver the chips for heating. Stephen said they are in talks with the municipality about a "scaled down version" of their original project, which would heat municipally-owned buildings only.

The recent news was also a bit of a letdown for Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of Haliburton Forest. But his future outlook remains positive.

"It's obviously disappointing because it's a really great project," he said. "It would have been great to see it go forward on the pathway we had already started. But, we're not giving up and I'm sure it's still going to happen."

Cockwell said he respects what Premier Doug Ford and his government are "trying to achieve in terms of getting the province back on track."

Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey, who filed for re-election partly because of the project, said the announcement didn't come as a total shock.

"He [Ford] campaigned on getting rid of the carbon tax," Fearrey told *The Highlander*.

"I'm just hopeful that down the road we can do some of these smaller projects. At least now, we understand it."

Along the way, Fearrey found that many residents thought bioheat was something "new and earth shattering and hadn't been tried and tested." But that's simply not the case, he said.

Council will discuss the matter at their July 23 meeting.

The Municipal GHG Fund allocated \$100 million for projects between 2017-18 and up to \$35 million in 2018-19. It was created to support efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in municipalities.



Since the province has scrapped the cap-and-trade program, bioheat proponent Jamie Stephen has his sights set on an alternative plan. *File photo.*



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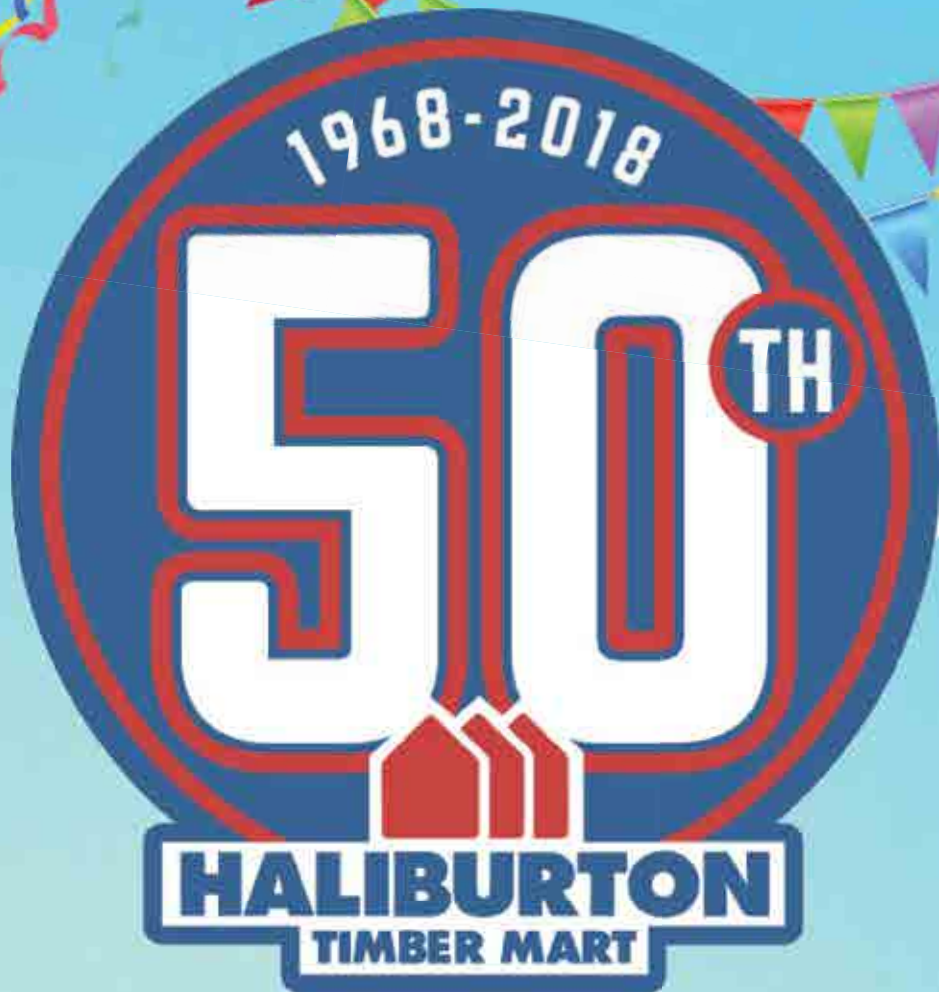


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## Local solutions for short-term rentals



By Lisa Gervais

Last summer, representatives of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization (LKO) wrote to Minden Hills council to complain about short-term rentals.

They believe individuals and corporations are renting out lakefront properties contrary to bylaws.

President Gary Wiles wrote that they had two concerns: the potential for overuse of septic systems and improper shoreline alterations, such as docking, to make units more renter-friendly.

They argued that two to four-bedroom cottages were being advertised on cottage rental sites for 12-18 people.

Wiles said it used to be people would rent their places for a couple of weeks each summer to help offset costs, but now some are renting year-round.

It is a worry when Minden Hills council is currently struggling to develop a septic re-inspection program and at a time when the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association (CHA) continues to worry about the health of area lakes.

When the LKO complaint came to Minden Hills council last Sept. 28, they accepted it as information only. But, Mayor Brent Devolin said once the county's Official Plan was passed (and it now has been), they'd be looking into it.

At the time, Devolin said it was an

"unbelievably complicated" area of planning but vowed it would be part of a serious conversation in a year's time. He anticipated lots of input from interest groups and cottage associations.

True to their word, Minden Hills will open the public conversation on the morning of Saturday, July 21, with an open house at the community centre.

This is where cottage associations, such as the LKO, can formally express their concerns.

We would also encourage those who do rent out their cottages for short-term periods to attend. We know that they have a vested economic interest. It would also be good to know what sort of income the short-term rental industry brings to the township. After all, those 12-18 people need to eat, drink, gas up and play while they're here.

Both those against, and in favour of, short-term rentals have to come to the party in other words. We'd like to hear from the renters how they can regulate their rentals to protect our septs and lakes.

And, it is important to note that this conversation isn't just happening in Minden Hills.

Last year, you might remember, Dysart reached out to Ulrik Binzer, the founder and CEO of Host Compliance, a Silicon Valley-based technology company that specializes

in short-term rental compliance monitoring technology for local governments. In a nutshell, his company designs software to help identify the short-term rental properties, register them, log complaints and ensure taxes are being paid. They struck a task force. Checking in with CAO Tamara Wilbee, she told us they're still researching options, and have been reviewing iHost compliance.

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt also raised the issue with her council in February 2017. They've decided to watch what others are doing and address it when their zoning amendment occurs later this year or early next year.

Highlands East CAO Shannon Hunter told us they'll be presenting a draft bylaw at the August council meeting and council intends to schedule a public meeting.

So, we would encourage a good turnout at the July 21 meeting. We hope the public comes with suggestions, so it doesn't just become a pro short-term rental versus anti short-term rental debate. After all, there should be made-in-Haliburton County solutions to the short-term rental issue.

## The Outsider Temps rising ... get out your skates



By Will Jones

So, did you watch it, the World Cup? The pinnacle of global football (not soccer, as only you North Americans seem to call it). The most amazing sporting spectacle on earth. The speed, the finesse, the be all and end all of ...

No, you didn't watch it? Me neither. I'm more of a cricket fan myself and you guys, well, it's almost hockey season again, isn't it?

It has to be hockey season soon because the kids have just started summer vacation, it's 35 degrees and there's a fire ban. But, never mind that it is the height of summer, my pal is having to ferry his small boy to the arena again because hockey practice has started.

Really?

Hockey in July!

I know this town has some kind of messiah complex when it comes to hockey, believing that it will spawn an NHLer with every passing generation but don't the children, and their weary parents, deserve a break from the ice and those unforgiving bleachers? Aren't there one or two other activities that eight, nine and 10-year-

old kids could be doing in the height of summer? Aren't there a multitude of places that mum and dad might want to be rather than sitting behind the glass during these fleeting warm weeks that we get in July and August?

But, hold on, as if beginning the hockey season in July wasn't enough, now I hear that there's talk of a Sports Hall of Fame here in little old Haliburton, and by that we all know they mean hockey.

Really? Oh, I said that before didn't I? But, come on, we can't be serious.

We need council to put its limited time and resources into a sports hall of fame about as much as we need another drug store on the main street. We need it about as much as Justin Trudeau needs another tear duct, as much as the Leafs need another duff season.

We need a swimming pool but that one seems to be a non-starter with our 'forward thinking' council. We got a skate park thanks to some hard work and fundraising. And it is being really well used by our kids on a repeated basis. They like it and they keep coming back but a sports hall of fame,

how many folks would visit that twice a week, like they might a pool or gym? How many locals would keep on visiting and how many visitors from the big cities, where there are real hockey, sorry 'sports', halls of fame would bother with more than a cursory glance at a few glass cases with jerseys in them?

Oh, I have an idea. Let's build a soccer, damn it 'football' hall of fame here in Haliburton. They don't have one of those in Toronto, do they? And, if we're lucky, we may attract passing tourists who just can't believe that they might be able to see David Beckham's left sock, or Ronaldo's used jock strap displayed in a glass case, next to photos of Brazil's star player Neymar acting like he has been kicked in the shin, again, right here in the heart of hockey country. And if visitors start to wane, we'll add in some Argonauts memorabilia, 'cause that is sure to draw 'em in.



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# Editorial opinion

## Eye on the street: *How has the heat affected you?*



**Sharon Bird**

Toronto

I was thirsty and my skin was drying out.



**Robert Spencer**

Stouffville

I'm just spending more time close to the lake and sometimes I even jump in!



**Pam Hope**

Stouffville

I was OK with it because of my air-conditioner.



**Diane Mohan**

Toronto

I was tired and it slowed me down.



**Darlene O'Neill**

Simcoe

I'm just spending more time closer to the lake.

Photos and interviews by Felix Wong

## Letters

### Concerned about Eagle Lake

Dear editor,

In folklore, Friday the 13th is regarded by some as a day when bad luck will strike. For those of us who care about Eagle Lake, that was the case this past Friday. One of our neighbours found 72 empty beer bottles and a garbage bag full of empty beer cans at the Eagle Lake beach. Another friend of ours, who has been babysitting her grandchildren at the beach, told my wife and I about the parents bringing the children to the beach and then sitting drinking beer while the children were in and out of the water. After a few hours of drinking, they would pile into their vehicles and head home for supper.

Some of you reading this will say having

a couple of beers on the beach is not a problem. I beg to differ. A few years ago, an OPP officer was finishing a routine patrol of the lake when he spotted someone struggling to get out of the water onto the beach. He was unhitching his gun belt, preparing to effect a rescue, when the man made one last lunge for safety and landed face first on dry sand. The gentleman was drunk and barely able to function. In the last few years, we've had two drownings where alcohol was a factor. I personally am aware of three people who have had to be rescued when they got into trouble on the lake.

Last week, the beer was being openly stored on the picnic tables in the rain shelter. It's also the favourite spot for

nighttime drinking as it's dark and not visible to patrolling OPP. These problems are not just confined to the summer. When it's a good winter for snowmobiling, we find a large number of beer cans once the snow has gone. This April, a gentleman who patrolled Haliburton Lake Road from Parsons Road to Highway 118 was astonished at the number of beer cans he found. At Moose Woods he found an extremely large stash of dumped beer cans and alcohol bottles. I suspect they were from a hunt camp in the Moose Woods area.

What is the Municipality of Dysart et al doing about the problems? They are servicing the beach twice a week. From time to time, the staff have had really ugly

messes to clean up. This year we have not seen the broken beer bottles that they had to deal with last year. Extensive discussions have taken place over the years with senior Dysart et al staff and elected officials about the problems. I think they have a feeling of frustration and this leads me to have a pessimistic view of them moving to resolve the problems. A university professor who has a Ph. D. in psychology and used to visit Eagle Lake told me that the fractured community he observed led him to have real concerns about the hamlet's future.

Peter McLuskey  
Eagle Lake

### We can't continue to rely on cottagers and retirees moving here

Dear editor,

Regarding the letter from Jane Taylor Eastwood in your July 5 edition.

Affordable housing for everyone is a serious issue—families as well as seniors wanting to downsize often cannot find what they need at a price they can pay. But until our local governments begin to recognize that much smaller and different styles of residences are both acceptable, and what is needed, we can't move ahead. Why not homes smaller than the current 700 sq.ft. required in Highlands East or communities made up of modular/mobiles? Trailers may still be considered undesirable by some, but why not bylaws regulating acceptable guidelines?

Jane's most important statement: "that we are in danger of becoming a dying community" that shouldn't continue to rely upon cottagers and retirees moving here. Without more year-round work we cannot expect to sustain, never mind increase services and businesses that provide even the most basic fabric of our communities. Wilberforce had a

bank for 50 years when we also had Martin's Lumber and the veneer plant in operation. Year-round employment meant families, busy schools, gas stations and grocery stores. Much as we appreciate the presence of cottagers, unless they live here more than a few months of the year, they do not have the same needs as full-time residents. Quadrupling our population for two months means businesses must explosively increase their organizations for that time, then struggle for the other 10 months. New businesses don't often have a long lifespan here; many times for no reason other than the extremely seasonal nature of our area.

Year-round employment is a prerequisite for survival, never mind growth. Families won't need housing if there are no jobs here, and cottagers will increasingly wonder why that place they shopped at last year, is no longer open. We need to face that danger of becoming a dying community, not ignore it.

Janet Barker  
Wilberforce

### PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Sunset on Canning Lake Photo submitted by Lois Rigney..



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## Dysart's septic program an 'eye-opener'

By Mark Arike

A new re-inspection program in Dysart has so far found that 40 per cent of the septic tanks on Kennisis Lake aren't functioning properly.

The good news: about half of these systems require a fairly simple fix to get up and running.

"The program has been an eye-opener for me to see what issues these septic systems have," said Karl Korpela, chief building official (CBO) of the municipality.

Late last year, council passed a bylaw to launch the program. It's mandatory for property owners who are within 100 feet of a lake. The municipality has a list of a dozen qualified third-party inspectors on its website for property owners to choose from. It's up to the homeowner to hire one of these inspectors.

Inspections began on Big and Little Kennisis in the spring. They are to be completed at the end of next year. With an inspection and pump-out, the average cost is \$500, estimates Korpela.

After the hired inspector submits a report to the municipality, the septic and building inspector reviews the information. If there are any issues, Dysart sends the property owner a letter telling them they have 20 days to establish a plan to correct the system. For Kennisis residents, homeowners are expected to have repairs completed by the end of the year.

In total, more than 50 lakes in the municipality will be included in the program. It's expected to take up to 12

years to complete.

"We're at the mercy of the weather and septic installers," said Korpela. "This program is definitely going to make them busier."

As of June 12, the municipality had received reports for 110 septic systems, or 11 per cent of the 964 that need to be inspected by the end of 2019. Of the 40 per cent failure rate, about half had serious issues such as cracked tanks and potential overloading. Overloading is the result of too many bedrooms in a dwelling for the system.

"Many of those [the 40 per cent] are corrected in the field by the inspector," Korpela pointed out.

These minor issues include the deterioration of parging around the inlet and outlet pipes of the tank and human-sized root balls. Parging acts as a seal to prevent sewage from leaking out and entering the ground. The root balls are from nearby trees that find their way into the tank, explained Korpela.

The purpose of the program is to protect lake health. Septic systems that aren't working properly leak phosphorus—the leading cause of harmful algae blooms—into the lake.

Members of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) have advocated for a re-inspection program for some time.

"It was our organization that was pushing hard for a program before it was on the radar screen," KLCOA board member John Smith said. "We really believe it's



A screenshot from a newly-released educational video on septic inspections. It was produced by Brad Brown and commissioned by the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association. Pictured is Dysart CBO Karl Korpela. *Submitted photo.*

important for protecting our water quality."

They recently hired Brad Brown of Upside Brown Production Services to make an educational video on the topic. It features a real inspection that took place during a KLCOA open house. As the star, Korpela gives an overview of the program, the steps involved in an inspection, how septic systems work and what to do if your system fails.

The video was posted to KLCOA's website this week at [klcoa.org](http://klcoa.org).

Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey is pleased the program has taken off. He called the KLCOA's support "fantastic."

"They were first out of the gate to ask," said Fearrey in an interview. "They've been a tremendous help."

He said they've done a good job of explaining the program to their members—and the response from all lake associations has been very positive.

Despite the fact it's a 12-year program, that doesn't mean the majority of inspections won't be completed sooner, he said.

"There's no reason to wait until your turn comes," said Fearrey, encouraging property owners to do it now.

"You'll feel better about it and the lake will feel better."

It will also help you avoid more costly repairs down the road, he added.

To learn more about the program, visit [dysart.ca/portfolio-view/septic-systems](http://dysart.ca/portfolio-view/septic-systems).

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# Highlander news



## Have your say on Minden short-term rentals

By Lisa Gervais

Short-term rentals will be the subject of an open house in Minden Hills on July 21.

People wishing to comment, or who have concerns, about this type of accommodation are urged to attend between 9 a.m. and noon in room two of the Minden Community Centre.

Planner Ian Clendening presented a short report to council's June 14 meeting on the issue.

"Further to extensive discussion at the planning and development advisory committee, and direction from council, staff will be developing regulations regarding short-term accommodation in the township," he said.

He added that staff had done significant research into best practices and primary concerns are the potential impact on the health of lakes, parking, noise, trespassing, and general health and safety.

He said there'd be another public open house in September. After that, he hopes to bring a draft bylaw to council in October.

He said feedback to the July 21 meeting will be considered in the

development of bylaws which would be prepared for the public's review and consideration at that second open house in September. A date and time has not been set.

Clendening said that with the growing popularity of online platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, and other rental accommodation websites, there's been an increasing concern that these rentals be operated in a responsible manner that doesn't detract from the character of the areas in which they operate, or the lake quality which many of these rentals capitalize upon.

He added the township wants to come up with a bylaw that also recognizes the valuable contribution of short-term rental accommodation on the local economy and property values.

He said short-term accommodation typically describes rentals that occur over a short period of time, for example, less than 30 days.

Advance registration for the session is encouraged by contacting Donna Sisson at dsisson@mindenhills.ca or calling 705-286-1260 x209.



Nathan Fockler with his catch of the day. Photo submitted.

## Kids and cops reel in fish and fun

About 90 young anglers recently joined local OPP officers to cast their lures in Head Lake during the annual Kids and Cops fishing event. Organized by Point in Time, the event is designed to teach youth about the outdoors and build positive relationships with law enforcement. It was sponsored by Fishing Forever, a non-profit organization; the Police Association of Ontario, and Canadian Tire. Similar events are held across the province. (Mark Arike)

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For more information please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-1936 x203 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

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The proposed change to the Township of Minden Hills Road Naming By-law is the renaming of a private road from Wrangler Trail to Tranquility Bay Lane.

A copy of the proposed By-law is available from the Township Office during regular business hours or by visiting the Township's website at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca).

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# Highlander business



Left: Adrian Vargas and his son, Alex, at the new Haliburton Market. Right: Bruce Down brought some of his woodworks. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

## Beyond Sears: Haliburton Market now open

By Lisa Gervais

The former Sears in Haliburton continues to re-invent itself with the grand opening this past Saturday of Haliburton Market.

The market, which provides vendor space inside and outside, is the second on-site business after the opening of the Mega Munch food truck earlier this year.

Owner Adrian Vargas said they're pleased with the truck but wanted something else to complement it.

"Things have been working out well. There's been so much local support. We

never expected this. We've been lined up every day with the food truck."

However, he added, "we still live here and we still have bills to pay."

He said they'd all been wracking their brains over a new business venture, one that represented their community values.

They came up with the market. Vargas said they are renting stalls at a reasonable price (\$50) to vendors who can set up inside and outside to market their wares. And \$5 from every vendor goes to a charity near and dear to Vargas' heart: Food for Kids.

He said there are so many people with

talent who will now have an affordable venue to sell their items.

As he walked around on opening day, Vargas said he stressed to the vendors, "You're thinking outside the box. That's the one thing I had to do, when we lost Sears. We hit rock bottom and we had no choice but to think outside the box. Sure, we sat around for awhile licking our wounds, shed some tears, and did some soul-searching, but once you hit rock bottom there's only one way up."

He recalls his 13-year-old telling he and wife Wendy, "you guys gotta' remember

you're still here and that's very humbling coming from a 13-year-old but we realized, wait a second, we are still here. We're just trying to do something for the community."

Vargas said they plan to run the market year-round.

One of the vendors was woodworker Bruce Down.

He said working with wood keeps him busy especially since he and his wife winter in the county. And, now, he has a place to sell his work. "I can't see that it'll do any harm," he said.

## U-Links adds new programs to local research

By Lisa Gervais

U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research is currently scaling up the development of research proposals in Haliburton County.

In a press release, they said the intent is to better define and deliver research focused on the specific social, economic, environmental or cultural issues that organizations are facing.

U-Links is also now facilitating Community Service Learning, a form of experiential education that has more immediate impact in the community.

Through the Community-Based Education

Program, Trent University and Fleming College, students assess local community needs and opportunities and suggest practical solutions to these needs, while earning course credit and real-world experience in their field of study.

Community Service Learning projects are short-term structured volunteer projects, for example one to three days, designed by community organizations. They are practical in nature, for example students volunteer for an activity or event and increase an organization's human resources needed for a certain goal.

Sonja Addison, U-Links program director, said, "We are excited about the expanded

opportunities for students to provide practical and relevant research for the benefit of our local community."

U-Links is currently seeking project proposals from community agencies for the 2018-19 academic year. U-Links welcomes ideas for research or community service projects that may address a particular need or issue that is of a social, economic, environmental or cultural nature.

If organizations have research and/or short-term volunteering needs, they can contact U-Links at 705-286-2411 or email either Addison (saddison@ulinks.ca) or Amanda Duncombe-Lee (aduncombe-lee@ulinks.ca). U-Links staff will set up a phone

call or meeting to help develop an idea into a project proposal.

Organizations are encouraged to contact U-Links staff with their idea as soon as possible. Project proposal forms are available on the U-Links website, [www.ulinks.ca](http://www.ulinks.ca).

Founded in 1999, U-Links has developed and facilitated over 400 research projects on behalf of local government; non-profit and community organizations. U-Links is internationally recognized as a unique community-university partnership model for providing research focused on a rural community. You can find out more from their website, [ulinks.ca](http://ulinks.ca).



# Living well



Top: People learn about Indigenous spirituality through drumming, courtesy of Bear Waters Gathering Indigenous Education and Healing Centre. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Health and wellness in the spotlight

The 2018 Haliburton Highlands Health and Wellness Expo attracted good crowds to Head Lake Park this past Saturday. It was a gathering of unique small businesses and practitioners local to Haliburton County and surrounding areas, focusing on health and wellness. There were 27 vendors as well as speakers (Lisa Gervais)



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# Highlander arts



Tour participants gather around the Moose Scraps sculpture by Leo Sepa during the Haliburton Sculpture Forest tour on June 7. Photo by Felix Wong.

## Where art intersects with nature

By Felix Wong

A recent tour of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest shed light on the history and inspiration behind the 32 sculptures and three benches scattered in Glebe Park.

Two pre-season tours, led by Sculpture Forest curator Jim Blake.

The sculptures were made possible through funding from Ontario 150, the Rotary Club of Haliburton, private donors, the Haliburton School of Art and Design, Rails End Gallery and more.

There are backstories and sometimes history lessons for each sculpture in the park, and every name has a meaning. The title of a red park bench, Evolution, signifies the evolution from rock to metal during the process of its creation. Evolution's sister sculpture can be found in a park in Latvia.

Visionary, a steel and bronze surveyor's transit incorporating symbols of time and direction by artist Richard Shanks, is a tribute to Sir Sandford Fleming, the

inventor of the standard time zone.

The meaning of certain sculptures is sometimes subject to interpretation, such as Terminus, a black, stylized figure in rolled steel, with two hands pointed towards the sky. Lake said that some tourists see the figure as an artistic representation of women in burkas, while others see it as a man pointing to God.

"My favourite sculpture is probably the really big shoe," said Hannah Klose, a tour participant. "It's just so red and glamorous!" Fire and Ice: A Really Big Shoe, is a steel and wire two-metre-tall stiletto shoe by Charles O'Neil adorned with red and crystal glass beads from the Czech Republic and China.

"I also really like Sleep of the Huntress. It strikes me as the embodiment of nature," she added, referring to the sculpture by Doug Stephens of a woman sleeping in Belmont rose granite, her naked body facing Head Lake for all to see.

Free tours of the forest will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays in July and August.



## It's a cliffhanger at the Northern Lights theatre

As the plot thickens, Lieutenant Dave DeVito, played by Curtis Brown, interviews Polly Lowenthal, played by Marilyn Hawley, in the Highlands Summer Festival's presentation of the play Cliffhanger. The murder mystery/comedy opened this week at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Photo by Lorne Campbell.

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Evan Wakelin holds the mystery bottle. *Submitted photo.*

## Mystery message in a bottle

By Lisa Gervais

Evan Wakelin was swimming in the Gull River in Minden recently when he found an unusual bottle in the water.

His dad, Rob Wakelin, said it was an interesting ink bottle poking up through the sand.

"Not only was the 'N' in ink reversed, which sometimes happened, but the bottle was sealed with a cork and contained a note," he told *The Highlander*.

Wakelin said there was a bit of water in the bottle and the paper was wet. However, they were able to open it and found a message written in ink that was preserved in spite of the moisture.

"At first, we thought the note was going to have some local historical significance, but as we pieced it together, it looks like someone from the past, maybe 100 years ago, was having a bit of fun with us," he said.

He said as far as they can make out, the note reads, "In the year eighteen hundred & frozen to death. Dead broke and forty miles from home. Man Friday. Brother in law of Robinson Crusoe."

Wakelin said the reference in the note seems to be mixed up. He said the year eighteen hundred and froze to death refers to the summer of 1816, but he doesn't think it has anything to do with Robinson Crusoe.



## Local dog wins national honours

Local long-time Doberman Pinscher breeders Larralyn and Dave McKay of Minden and Sheryl Law of Coboconk recently travelled to the Doberman Pinscher Club of Canada National Specialty Show in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba where dogs from across Canada gathered to compete. Respected Doberman breeder and Judge Theresa Mullen from Michigan, U.S. pointed to Grand Champion Starlaine Here I Go Again Ambermark, known to her friends as "Posh" for top honors at this prestigious event. Posh was handled in the show ring by Sheryl Law. *(Lisa Gervais). Submitted photo.*

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A camper swings on a zipline at Medeba's open house, Saturday. See more coverage on Page 6.. Photo by Felix Wong.



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### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, July 30, 2018  
TIME: 9:30 AM  
LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications PLMV2018030, and PLMV2018040. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

**PLMV2018030** - Part of Lot 27, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1020 Moore Lake Estates Road; and located on the Gull River (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of an 11.1 m<sup>2</sup> (120sq.ft.) utility shed 12.2m. (40') from the High Water Mark and 3m. (10') from the side lot line. The effect of the variance would allow for a reduction in the 23m (75'6") required setback from the High Water Mark; and, reduce the 4.5m. (14'9") side yard required for a utility shed larger than 9.1 m<sup>2</sup> (98sq.ft.) in size.



**PLMV2018040** - Part of Lot 11, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1090 Steumpel Drive; and located on Horseshoe Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a new garage measuring 79 m<sup>2</sup> (850sq.ft.) in size and 4.7m. (15'5") in height which is to be located 33.3m. (109'3") from the High Water Mark and 1.6m. (5'3") from Steumpel Drive. The effect of the variance would allow for an increase in the maximum height of an accessory building within 40m. of the High Water Mark; and, reduce the 3m. required setback from a private road.



**HAVE YOUR SAY:** Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:** To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclending@mindenhills.ca. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca).

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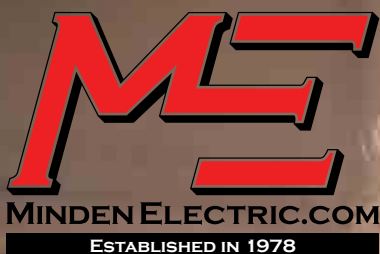
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## Meet the cottagers

Ingrid Gerstenmeier and her husband Lou are from Toronto and have a cottage on Stormy Lake. On June 16, they participated in Rails End Trash N' Treasures – an annual yard sale at Head Lake Park. They sold DVDs, clothes and an assortment of jewelry. They visit their cottage every weekend and stay there during July and August. *(Felix Wong)*



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A band, decked out in matching blue outfits, performs underneath the Canadian flag at the 2012 Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival. *The Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival website.*

## Two bands headline this year's Bluegrass Festival

By Felix Wong

Bluegrass bands will be flying in from as far away as Ohio, Nova Scotia and Nashville to perform at the eighth annual Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival on July 20 and 21. This year's festival is different in that it features two headliners instead of one: Larry Efaw & The Bluegrass Mountaineers from Ohio and Roxeen & Dalrymple from Nova Scotia.

Larry Efaw & The Bluegrass Mountaineers, a traditional bluegrass band, combine old-time claw hammering and twin fiddling musical techniques to create their own unique sound. They

have performed at Nashville's Country Fan Fair as well as various television and radio shows, and across the U.S. and Canada.

The band was recommended to the festival through friends and fans they made during their tours across Canada.

"The best people in the world are in Canada," said Efaw. "We love to perform there – we have performed at about all the major festivals in Canada."

Roxeen & Dalrymple have reunited after 25 years of embarking on separate musical paths. They are a mandolin and guitar duo that combines stunning vocals with rhythm and traditional melodies

to create a unique blend of traditional country, bluegrass and gospel music. They have had the opportunity to tour all across Canada and the U.S.

Other performers at this year's festival include Alicia Robicheau & Lonesome Sound, Concession 23, Ducharme Family Bluegrass, The Tebworth Brothers and Big John.

The Tebworth brothers, Marshal and Wyatt, are 13 and 15-years-old fiddle, mandolin, guitar and upright bass players. They also sing lead and harmony vocals, performing traditional bluegrass music with their father, Rob, and their grandfather and bus driver Doug.

The boys began playing in church at the ages of three and five and have been performing at festivals since the ages of six and eight. "Bluegrass fans have watched them grow in height and talent," said grandfather Doug Tebworth. "We always have a great time at the Minden festival."

The festival, organized by the Rotary Club of Minden, will start at 2 p.m. on July 20. Camping grounds will be available to rent out from July 15 through to July 22 at \$10 per night.

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**Thurs. July 12** – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers at Kawartha Dairy

**Wed. July 18** – Algonquin Outfitters with Kayaks on the Gull River

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**Thurs. July 26** – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers at Kawartha Dairy

**Wed. August 1** – Algonquin Outfitters with Kayaks on the Gull River Meet opposite the Post Office on Invergordon Avenue

**Thurs. August 9** – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers at Kawartha Dairy

**Tues. August 14** – Heart & Stroke Big Bike Ride in Minden

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**Wed. August 15** - Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale During the Day

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**Thurs. August 23** – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers at Kawartha Dairy

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Images from a previous Stanhope Heritage Day. *File photo.*

## Stanhope Heritage Day promises a blast from the past

By Mark Arike

The 16th annual Stanhope Heritage Day is going to pack a whole lot of history, fun, entertainment and sweet treats into a span of five hours. Once again, about 1,000 people are expected to descend on the grounds of the Stanhope Museum for this Saturday's celebration of the past.

"Heritage Day is mostly to celebrate the heritage of this community, and the arts, crafts and trades," said coordinator Charlene McConnell. "We want to give everybody as much of an inkling as to what life was like back then and what people had to do to get by."

It captures the time period from the late 1800s to the early 1900s, said McConnell.

The gates open at 9 a.m.

There are several new attractions this year, including "exciting events and displays." Wilberforce resident Doug Stephen will bring a model train display. It will feature the exact same model of engine found in front of the high school and caboose near Head Lake Park. Kids will be able to blow the whistle and see the train go around a track.

Local theatre group Rural Rogues will perform at 11:30 a.m.

"They're doing a little historically-based skit on the fate of Mrs. Hunter, who disappeared in Eagle Lake in the summer of 1892," said McConnell, adding it's inspired by a true story. "I think they've turned it into an entertaining, fanciful

piece on what happened to her."

There's lots to see and do for kids, including pony rides, face painting and special guest, Mr. Spaghetti Legs. He will be juggling and making balloons.

Be sure to come hungry, as there will be a barbecue, wood-fired pizza and an ice cream truck.

Live entertainment includes local musical groups Sheri Hawkins and The TentShakers, and Celtic Jam.

The Speaking of Wildlife Show is back at 11 a.m. It will feature a variety of animals native to the Haliburton Highlands.

A butter tart bake-off starts at 10 a.m. Contestants must register between 9-9:30 a.m. with a dozen tarts.

Two will be given to the judges and the rest will be sold.

As always, there are many demonstrations. Some include natural fabric dyeing, rug hooking, and spinning and weaving.

Admission is only \$3 and all the activities on the grounds are free. Vendors will sell products which can be purchased with cash. Kids five and under are admitted for free.

Since everything happens outdoors, McConnell encourages visitors to pack sunscreen, a hat and water.

The event is supported by the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

For more details, visit [stanhopemuseum.on.ca](http://stanhopemuseum.on.ca).

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## Loads of high altitude fun at Medeba open house

By Felix Wong

It was an afternoon of burgers, rock climbing, high ropes and giant swings at Medeba summer camp's open house on July 14. Staff members, campers and guests stopped by to check out the grand opening of the Medeba Mountain Lodge, which houses a meeting room, a lounge and a new and improved climbing gym.

"This isn't my first time climbing this wall," said 10-year-old Nehemiah Morgan, as coordinator Alex Bennett helped him strap on his rock climbing gear and helmet. "It's my third time." "Nah," he replied, when asked if he was scared to climb it again. "I climbed it in 2017 even though it wasn't open until 2018," he said with a slight smirk. Bennett explained that Morgan had a chance to climb the wall before it opened to the public because he's a son of one of Medeba's staff members.

Bennett is a camp climbing/ropes coordinator who has been flying in from his native New Zealand to help out for his fourth summer in a row.

One of the reasons he comes back each year is the pride he takes in being part of Medeba's mission statement: impacting the lives of youth.

Medeba is a Christian summer camp and year-round leadership centre founded 65 years ago. During the year,

they offer school rentals and weekend retreats as well as a 10-month leadership program.

Bruce Dunning has been involved with Medeba for 38 years and was its executive director until he hired Steve Archibald last year to take over the position. He now serves as the camp's executive advisor.

"We're just inviting the community and other people to come in, so we're having a free barbecue, tours of the site, wagon rides and a chance to try out the activities," he said. "We think it's a great idea to connect with our community and to be able to let people know that we exist. It's a good emotional event and give-back to the community all combined in one."

Caleb Eggert and Matteo O'Malley are leaders-in-training who will be at Medeba throughout July engaging in leadership training activities and helping out with camp-wide games, campfires and more.

"We're going kayaking on Monday and mountain biking to a rock climbing spot on Thursday," said O'Malley. "The staff is so great, everybody loves the staff – and the food ..." he added, trailing off.

When asked what was so great about the food, he replied, laughing: "I don't know man, it just always hits the spot!"

Top: A camper reaches the top of the high ropes station. Bottom: Staff and board members pose for a photo during their lunch break at Medeba's open house on July 14. *Photos by Felix Wong.*

## NO CHEATING

### Crossword Solutions July 19

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Butterfly cookies are sold at the Monarchs & Music event on July 15. *Photo by Felix Wong.*

## Monarchs & Music at the fish hatchery

Dozens of monarch butterflies were released at the Haliburton fish hatchery on July 15 at the fourth annual Monarchs & Music charity event. The proceeds raised from the day-long event – organized by SIRCH and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) – went towards supporting the hatchery's fish stocking program and SIRCH's children programs.

Attendees bought butterflies to release for \$50, all of which were released in the middle of the

afternoon. "They're native monarch butterflies that are being released," said HHOA vice president Rusty Rustenberg. "These are all plants that butterflies are attracted to," he added, showing off a butterfly garden next to the hatchery.

Multiple bands performed before and after the butterfly release, including Chuckee Zehr, Buckthorn, James Boraski, Quincy LePalm and more. *(Felix Wong)*





Left: Jake Fowell and Domna Gardener stand in front of their Pontiac Firebird at the Cars at Curry's car show on July 15. Right: Attendees check out the cars on display. Photos by Felix Wong.



## Curry's car show brings local enthusiasts together

Local residents and cottagers showed off menacing muscle cars, drop-top supercars and everything in between at Cars at Curry's on July 15. The car show, organized by Curry Motors' customer service manager Cheryl Hamilton, was held in the Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Limited Motors parking lot on Sunday morning.

"It was an idea that a customer of ours had to bring everyone in the community together," said Curry's general manager Rory Campbell. "There are all types of

vehicles – makes and models – and we're just here to have a nice relaxing day and enjoy our mutual interest in cars."

"I'm into old trucks," he replied, when asked which car at the show was his personal favourite. "It's hard to pass on that blue McLaren," he added, pointing to a snazzy sky-blue McLaren with scissor doors. "But there's some pretty cool older stuff too, like those older trucks."

There were awards for best in show (overall fan favourite), best ladies ride, and "sickest ride under 25." (Felix Wong)

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## Dress up and head down to the Gigantic Penny Raffle

By Mark Arike

Wilberforce's Gigantic Penny Raffle is an event where cheap tickets can earn you a shot at going home with a carload of unique items. If you've missed it before, your next chance to participate is this Saturday at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena.

"It's fun, relaxing and it's not really expensive," said

Kathy Rogers, organizer and member of the Old Rec Fundraising committee. "Come out and have an enjoyable evening and not break the bank at the same time."

Tables with more than 150 donated items will cover the arena floor. Tickets are \$2 for a sheet of 25 or \$10 for three sheets. You can enter as many tickets per item as you like.

"There's always a huge variety of stuff," said Rogers.

Some of the noteworthy prizes include Toronto Maple Leafs' tickets, fishing rods, a face cord of wood and a load of gravel.

Early bird browsing of the tables goes

from 1-3 p.m. There's another chance to browse tables between 5:30 and 8 p.m. Two early bird tables will be raffled off at 7 p.m. The rest of the raffles will begin at 8 p.m.

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expensive,*

**Kathy Rogers**  
Organizer

Other festivities include a hat parade, led by Coun. Joan Barton. Visitors are encouraged to create their own hat with the help of Barb Schofield. This year's theme is Canadiana, which means people are encouraged to dress in their best red and green.

The arena's snack bar will be open and popcorn will be served. A spaghetti dinner will also take place that evening at the Lloyd Watson Centre. It runs from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

In the past, the raffle has raised money for new rubber flooring for the arena, a refurbished scoreboard and repairs to the curling club. This year's funds haven't been allocated, but the committee is considering supporting the plans for Herlihey Park if it's needed.

Rogers said they're looking for volunteers. To get involved, call her at 705-448-1285 or email [skrogers1995@gmail.com](mailto:skrogers1995@gmail.com).



Right: Coun. Joan Barton clowns around and flags down visitors. She will lead this year's hat parade. *File photos.*

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## Chris Gibbs' one-man comedy show a hit

British-born comedian Chris Gibbs entertained a sold-out crowd with his award-winning one-man show *Not Quite Sherlock* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on July 12. With his wit, charm and comedic timing, he had the audience erupting in gales of laughter from start to finish.

Gibbs has toured the world as a stand-up comedian and improviser and written and performed five award-winning one-man shows, including *The Power of Ignorance* and *The Further Adventures of Antoine Feval*. He's also acted in the Canadian indie feature film *Run Robot Run!* and has published a few books of his own, including *365 Days of Health – Diary 2015*.

*Not Quite Sherlock* is a tale about Barnaby Gibbs, the eternal optimist and Sherlock Holmes fanatic who partners up with a famous detective by the name of Antoine Feval. Gibbs' show won the Best Comedy at the Montreal Fringe Festival in 2009 and was subsequently presented at the prestigious Just for Laughs Festival the same year. *(Felix Wong)*

Chris Gibbs opens his show, *Not Quite Sherlock*, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on July 12. *Photo by Felix Wong.*



## Award-winning folk singer comes to college

Solo singer/songwriter Katherine Wheatley entertained a full house at Haliburton School of Art and Design on July 12 with an hour-long set of her original folk compositions. Wheatley opened the show by performing songs with her students, who sang as she accompanied them on her acoustic guitar and vocals. In addition to having toured as a solo artist across Canada, the U.S. and Europe for the last 20 years, Wheatley is also a member of the Toronto band Betty and The Bobs and the duo Wendell and Wheat. She also tours every winter in the trio Boreal. Wheatley has won the prestigious Duke Ellington Award for arranging as well as the Gordon Delamont Award for Composition. *(Felix Wong)*

Katherine Wheatley performs at Haliburton School of Art and Design on July 12. *Photo by Felix Wong.*



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6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, Head Lake Park, Haliburton.

7 p.m. – Euchre Night at Harcourt Community Centre. Every Thursday night.

7 – 9:30 p.m. Pickleball Thursday evenings, at Haliburton High School gymnasium. Come on out and see what pickleball is all about! Cost is \$2 per night, rackets are provided. Every Thursday night from July 12th to Aug 16th.

**Friday July 20**

Noon – 4 p.m. – Stanhope Farmers' Market, at Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd. Every Friday until Aug. 31.

7 p.m. – Environment Haliburton! Annual General Meeting, at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. All are welcome. [environmenthaliburton.ca](http://environmenthaliburton.ca).

**Saturday July 21**

8 – 11 a.m. – Kinmount Legion Sunday Breakfast. Regular breakfast \$5, Hungry Man breakfast \$8.

9 – 11 a.m. – The Minden Food Bank is hosting a breakfast by donation at the Minden Food Bank Centre, 24 Newcastle St.

10 a.m. – Community Therapeutic Yoga at Abbey Retreat Centre. Join us in our new indoor serene setting surrounded by nature for gentle movement and breathing. Admission by donation, all proceeds go to Abbey Retreat Centre.

10 a.m. – noon – Bat Box Building Workshop, part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days series, at Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr., Haliburton. Register at [haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://haliburtonlandtrust.ca), under "events", or call 705-457-3700.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Minden Farmers' Market & Artisans Market, beside the Minden Hills Township office. Every Saturday until October 6th.

11 a.m. – 11 p.m. – Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest, sponsored by Haliburton & District Lions Club, at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. \$25 for adults

19+, \$5 for designated drivers and kids over 7, children under 7 free. Music, food vendors, 11 craft brewers, activities for children provided by Haliburton Highlands Museum. 100% of the profits stay in the community. [Haliburtoncraftbrewersfest.com](http://Haliburtoncraftbrewersfest.com).

4:30 – 7 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner at Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce. \$10/ adults, \$5/kids.

5:30 – 8 p.m. – Wilberforce Family Fun Day, at the Arena in Wilberforce. Penny raffle, exhibits, face painting, mad hatter table, snack bar, and kids games. Early bird browsing of prize tables from 1 – 3 p.m.

**Sunday July 22**

10 a.m. – Eagle Lake Community Church celebrates our 80th Anniversary! Service at 10 a.m., open house at the church 1 – 4 p.m.

11 a.m. – Lighthouse Church – Final service at our old location 12 Dysart Ave., Haliburton with Pastors Doug and Kim Ross. We are moving to our new location at Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre on Sunday August 12th. Please come celebrate with us!

1 – 3 p.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest – Collaborative Community Workshop with Throwdown Collective, Join us to enjoy the magic of the sculptures through movement and dance.

**Tuesday July 24**

10 – 11:30 a.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest free guided tour. Meet at the information kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton campus. Wear comfortable walking shoes, rain or shine. Tour takes approximately 1 ½ hours. No fee, but donations welcome!

Noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton Farmers' Market, in Head Lake Park every Tuesday until Oct. 2.

Wednesday July 25

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – HKPR Sexual Health Clinic, providing clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of STDs also provided. For more info or to book your appointment call 1-866-888-

4577 ext 2205.

12:10 -12:50 p.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest "Curator's Choice" free guided tour, a condensed version of the Tuesday tours. Meet at the information kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton campus. Wear comfortable walking shoes, rain or shine. Tour takes approximately 1 ½ hours. No fee, but donations welcome!

6:30 – 8 p.m. – 100 Women Who Care summer meeting, at Dominion Hotel, Main St. Minden. Register at 6:30, meeting 7 – 8 p.m. We meet three times a year for one hour to raise money for local charities. Why not come and see how we do it – Its AWESOME.

**Thursday July 26**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in program, Wilberforce Legion branch #624. Join us for coffee, colouring, tech-time, board games, card games, crafts, pool, cribbage, conversation, and more. 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

6 p.m. – dusk – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers - Classic Vehicle Cruise Night, Kawartha Dairy, Minden.

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**Friday July 27**

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Coboconk Legion Lunch, hot pork sandwich or liver & onions. \$10.

1 – 4 p.m. – Coboconk Legion Counry Music Jam, open mic & local talent. Food bank donations would be appreciated.

Noon – 4 p.m. – Stanhope Farmers' Market, at Stanhope Community Centre on North Shore Rd. Every Friday until Aug. 31.

**HALIBURTON BRANCH**

Monday bridge 1p.m.

Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot -last Wednesday of the month.

Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw Chester Howse, MC.

Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start and fun darts - 4:30 p.m.onwards

Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards

Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month –9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

**MINDEN BRANCH**

Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.;

Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

**WILBERFORCE BRANCH**

**July 20** Spaghetti dinner 5-7 p.m.

**July 21** Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP

**July 23** Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

**July 25** Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

**July 26** Community Care seniors program 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Line dance, crafts, pool, cards, darts, coffee and snacks.

**Up coming events**

**July 28** 20th annual "Best Ball" Golf tournament. \$60/player 9 holes, cart, prizes. Trip to Nevada for hole in one. Roast beef dinner, Shuttle Bus available. Sign up by July 14th

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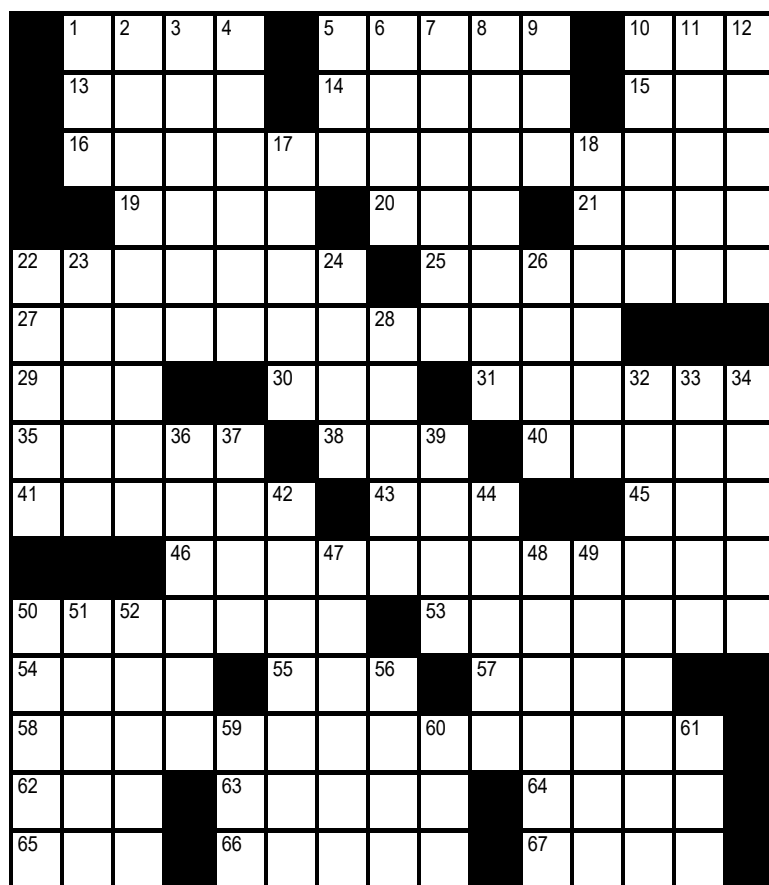
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15 Like ironic humour  
16 Motto of geriatric ex-Montréal Canadiens?  
19 New Zealand parrots  
20 Boy toy?  
21 Melville novel set in the South Seas  
22 Making a boo-boo, with "up"  
25 Showing shock, in a way  
27 Divorcée's schemes?  
29 "Well, \_\_\_-di-dah!"  
30 Word with crack or crock  
31 Unlikely film type for a matinee  
35 Toddler's cube  
38 Just \_\_\_ of (not quite)  
40 Gumption  
41 Frolicking  
43 Elephant's "fan"  
45 Roadside Assistance grp.  
46 Group of musicians who play "single-handedly," literally?  
50 Solidify, as Jell-o  
53 Unlike a tank top or muscle shirt  
54 Baseball's Jesus or Moises  
55 "Treasure Island" author's initials  
57 Ingrid's "Casablanca" role  
58 Association that does not accept university instructors?  
62 It's big on a braggart  
63 Smooches, in Brit-speak  
64 Dutch painter Jan van der \_\_\_  
65 The "S" in GPS: Abbr.  
66 Sealy mattress rival  
67 Wraps up

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- 1 HBO alternative, in TV Guide  
2 Is a bore at a staff party, maybe  
3 Firstborn  
4 Angora goat's coat  
5 Do a bank job  
6 Siberia's second largest city  
7 Rotten-to-the-core type  
8 What lost items "vanish into"  
9 Manuscript submitters encl.  
10 Eastern mystic  
11 \_\_\_ the side of caution  
12 It "has fleas" in a music tuning ditty  
17 "Piece of cake!"  
18 Gets right on (it)  
22 Cracker-like "toast"  
23 Honour highly  
24 GM muscle cars  
26 Clothes line?  
28 It was a gas in surgery  
32 Did a major dig  
33 "Cheers" server  
34 Sum up again  
36 Become plugged, as a drain  
37 "Citizen \_\_\_" (Welles film)



- 39 Alternatives to potatoes, for French fries  
42 The first 12-month cycle  
44 Archeologist's treasure  
47 Fully in favour of  
48 Remove a certain deposit from, as in pipes  
49 "Children should \_\_\_ and not heard"  
50 Old age supports?  
51 Suffix with sex and reflex  
52 "Tsk tsk" elicitors  
56 RCMP rank  
59 Blog feed letters  
60 Mama bear, in Madrid  
61 Tree ring equivalents: Abbr.

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